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# Jimmy Carter Joining H.O.P. Cast

**Jimmy Carter** will soon be joining our cast at **Hall of Presidents,** so to speak, when he takes his place on stage as an Audio-Animatronic figure.

Sculpting of a bust, the first stage in creating one of our sophisticated Audio-Animatronic figures, has been completed in California by WED artist **Blaine Gibson.** Completion of the figure is scheduled for late March.

President Jimmy Carter's likeness will be the 38th figure to take its place on the stage. An interesting side note is that newspapers across the nation are reporting Carter as our 39th President, which he is. However, **Grover Cleveland** is counted twice because his terms in office were not consecutive. Cleveland was our 22nd and 24th President. Carter will be the 39th individual to hold the office of President of the United States.

WED artist Blaine Gibson has supervised the sculpting of all **Hall of President** figures and has personally sculpted most of the presidential facial features.

The process of creating a new presidential Audio-Animatronic figure begins with painstaking research, the collection of many photographs, portraits and physical characteristics. Each President is depicted as he looked at the time of taking office.

Blaine's research on Jimmy Carter began shortly after his winning the Democratic Party nomination.

"I watched him so closely that I did not make my usual sketches before I began sculpting this time," Blaine explained. "I already had a very strong mental image."

Details of the new President's height . . . 5' 10" . . . weight, and general characteristics, were contributed by his press information staff. Looking for facial features to emphasize, Blaine said he discovered a strength around Carter's eyes in photographs which he found "unique."

*WED artist Blaine Gibson with his Jimmy Carter bust, soon to be our newest addition to the cast at Hall of Presidents.*

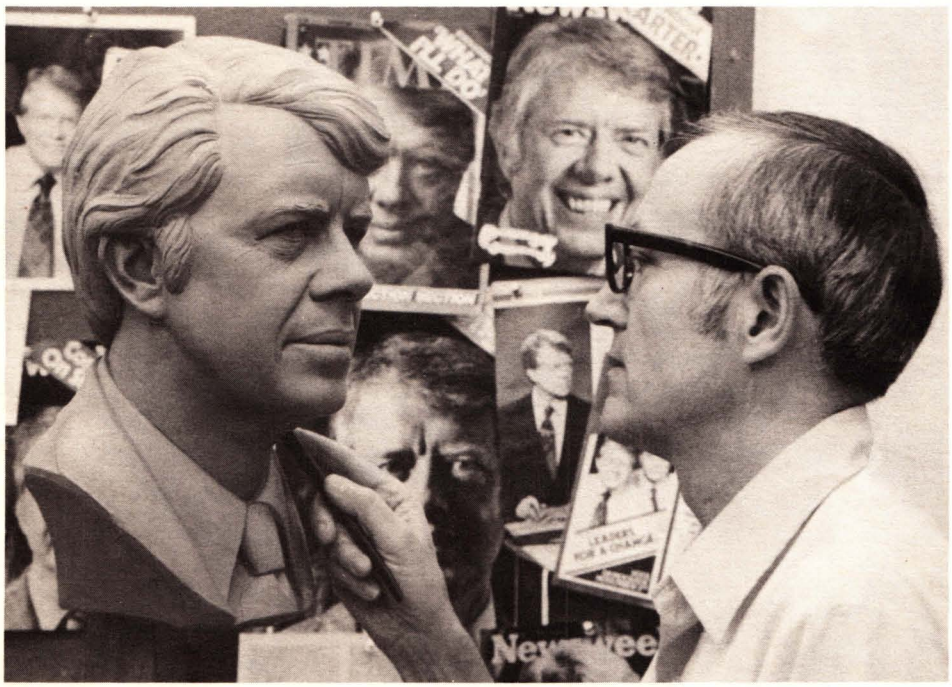
"To create an effective likeness," Blaine added, "I need a feeling for the personality and actions of the subject. Seeing the campaign debates was valuable for this." In addition, Blaine read extensively and is well-versed in Jimmy Carter's opinions and past record.

The Jimmy Carter Audio-Animatronic figure is the second addition to our **Hall of Presidents** cast since Walt Disney World opened in 1971. The figure will take its place on stage between the figures of Presidents **John F. Kennedy** and **Dwight D. Eisenhower,** just in front of President **Lyndon B. Johnson.**

In 1973, Jimmy Carter, then Governor of Georgia, visited Walt Disney World and viewed our **Hall of Presidents** attraction. Just beginning to entertain thoughts of running for President at that time, one wonders what he was thinking during that presentation some three-and-a-half years ago.

Blaine Gibson, WED artist and sculptor, started as a Disney film animator on "Pinocchio" in 1939. While working as an artist and

*Before and after. The physical sculpting begins with a lump of clay to which Blaine Gibson shapes his image of President Jimmy Carter.*



animator, Blaine sculpted as a hobby only. **Walt Disney** discovered his avocation and set him to work sculpting full-time for WED in 1954 . . . and he's been at it ever since! His contributions, in addition to **Hall of Presidents,** include figures in **Pirates of the Caribbean, Haunted Mansion** and **Country Bear Jamboree** for both Disneyland and Walt Disney World.

Looking back, Jimmy Carter was still in college when Blaine first started with Walt Disney Productions as an animator.

## WANTED: CURRENT & FORMER BAND MUSICIANS

If you've ever tooted, banged or kept time in a high school, college or miscellaneous band . . . your talents are in demand!

The **Orange County Community Band** is expanding and they're looking for flutists, clarinetists, trumpeters, trombonists, saxophonists (lots of these!) and anyone else who's musically inclined. And best of all, no auditions are required. Just come as you are . . . ready to have fun . . . to the Boone High School Band Room, Monday evenings at 7 pm. For more information, directions, etc., call **Craig** at extension 5268 or **Dave** at extension 4206.

P.S. Next concert is planned for March 13 in The Village!

# LAKE BUENA VISTA

## PLANT EXPO IN VILLAGE

By: Jim James, EYES & EARS Area Reporter

Officially starting this Sunday, January 23, is a **Plant Exposition** to be held under the **Captain's Tower** in the Village. The Expo will be set up beginning Friday and some plants will go on sale then.

If you are a plant fancier, then plan on dropping by the Expo. There will be plenty of beautiful and exotic plants available . . . just the thing to brighten or decorate your home or garden. There will be outdoor as well as indoor plants on hand. And all at reasonable prices, plus your 20% employee discount!

## MERCHANDISE SALE

The following sales are being held at our resort merchandise shops. Sale dates are from now until all of the items are sold. All sale discounts **do not** include your employee discount of 20%, so **add** it to discounts listed below:

- **Contemporary Man & Robinson Crusoe -** They are offering 30% to 50% off on men's leisure suits, sports coats, shirts, slacks, corduroy jeans, and leather jackets.
- **Contemporary Women -** You may get 30% off on Fall Fashion coordinates, tennis outfits, shoes and purses.
- **Polynesian Princess -** They are offering up to 50% off on long skirts, blouses, T-shirts, Keram full length dresses, and Lily skirts and slacks.

## FEBRUARY 3 DEADLINE SET FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Orange and Osceola County community service organizations planning to participate in the 1977 Walt Disney World Community Service Awards program are urged to complete and submit applications by February 3.

According to **Mrs. John Duda, Jr.,** Chairman of the panel of civic leaders serving as judges for the program, 25 awards will be made totaling $35,000. The awards are for outstanding effort and accomplishment by volunteer groups, regardless of size.

To date, more than 250 groups have indicated an interest in our program and have filed a letter of intent. A formal application detailing the hours and effort expended must be filed, however, before consideration can be given.

After the February 3 deadline, judging will begin with announcement of the winners set for March 24 at a luncheon here.

This year there will be 20 awards of $1,000 each. Four $2,500 awards will be presented to four organizations that the judges feel deserve special recognition. A $5,000 award will be granted to an organization in Orange or Osceola County which carried out the most exceptional and notable community service project during 1976.

This will be the sixth year that Walt Disney World has conducted this program.

Any cast member who is a member of a local service organization which has not filed an application, should contact our **Public Relations Office** as soon as possible for more details on the Community Service Awards Program. Call **extension 4010** for assistance.

## MOUSELLANEOUS

**Vince Lucchese,** Training & Development Department for Facilities Division, recently came up with some rather astounding computations regarding our various forms of transportation at Walt Disney World. We thought you might find it fun to know that ... if we utilized every form of motorized transportation here, filling them to their legal capacity, we could have every Disney employee (based on an average of 11,000) **in transit** at one point in time! And that includes all of our boats, trains, service vehicles and trucks, monorails, Aqua Larks, Main Street vehicles, Pargo carts, and just about anything else you can think of that's motorized at Walt Disney World!

## WED EAST UNVEILS NEW ATTRACTION THIS WEEK

With this week's influx of polar-like temperatures across Central Florida . . . leaving behind a one-inch accumulation of SNOW on the ground as far south as Lakeland Tuesday night . . . WED East has unveiled their plans for a new Tomorrowland attraction. Termed "A brilliant and innovative double-use for an existing facility," WED's new attraction is to be called **Ski Space Mountain.**

Working hand-in-hand with WED East in developing the new concept in "outdoor entertainment," our own Creative Services staff in the Marketing Division have already come up with preliminary advertising posters and bumper stickers. Additional areas under consideration include four-man toboggan runs down the flume at **River Country** and ice skating on the **River of America** in Frontierland.

Watch **EYES & EARS** for more details as they develop in the near future . . . and, Think Snow!

*Two Tomorrowland hosts arriving for work in their newly designed costumes, which the Wardrobe Department is currently working on.*

*Picturing Space Mountain in a more natural setting, as WED East artists hope to disguise Tomorrowland, guests will soon be enticed to visit our Central Florida mountain for a day of frolicking in the "white stuff!"*

*To The Management:*

*My father and I were in the hotel business since I was a small child, and I have worked in a number of hotels and resort complexes in the Miami Beach area.*

*Neither my father nor I are in the business any longer, but it is from this background that I want you to know how pleased and satisfied we have been with our stay here in one of your resorts.*

*The staff, administration and upper management have been so pleasant, efficient and caring that it is almost beyond belief. Congratulations. You have somehow achieved what money cannot buy - people caring about other people, and spreading that feeling to those who come in contact with them. That feeling is taken by your guests and in turn spread hopefully in wider and wider circles.*

*Sincerely,*
**The Platt Family**
*South Hampton, Pa.*

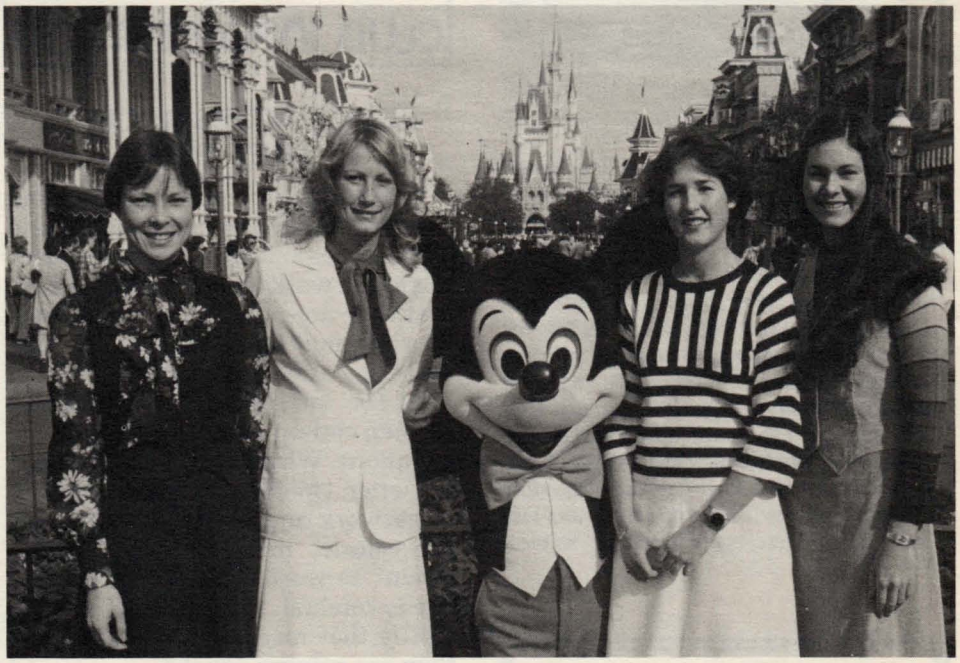
*Visiting Walt Disney World recently was* **Chuck Abbott** *and his family, winners of a one-week trip to "our" side of the country after being selected as "Idea of the Year" recipient in Disneyland's Creative Idea Program. Chuck, who is an Operations Division park-wide host at Disneyland, came up with a safety device for their Matterhorn attraction, a "slow sled alarm system." In simple terms, Chuck's idea permits attraction operators to monitor the sleds racing around the track and prevent a fast sled from catching up with a slower one in front of it. With Chuck were his two children and wife* **Norma,** *who is a Merchandising hostess in Frontierland. Our congratulations go to Chuck for his "creative thinking" and great safety idea! And don't forget our own "I Have An Idea" Program . . . because your creative thinking here could perhaps place you on the steps of a Disneyland Main Street trolley early next year when our "Idea of the Year" winner is chosen!*

## DISNEY CAR CARE CENTER EMPLOYEE SPECIAL

From now through February 15, you can take advantage of this employee special at our Disney Car Care Center:

| | Regular Price | Special Price |
|---|---|---|
| Front End Alignment (most cars) | $13.95 | $ 9.95 |
| Cadillac Alignment | $18.95 | $14.95 |
| Torsion Bar Adjustment (Chrysler Corp. cars) | $ 5.00 | $ 3.00 |
| Wheel Balance (except special wheels) | $ 3.50 | $ 2.00 |

Also, **Fram** Oil, Air & Gas Filters will be sold to you at dealer's cost. And don't forget that **Michelin Steel Belted Radial Tires** are available at a 20% discount. Call the **Car Care Center** at extension 4813 for more information.



*Visiting Walt Disney World last week were the three Disneyland Ambassador finalists. Seeing Main Street for the first time are (l-r)* **Lauri Reinhardt** *(Tomorrowland Operations), Walt Disney World's 1977 Ambassador* **Debby Bennett, Mickey, Vicki Pender** *(Disneyland Tour Guide), and* **Dawn Parrish** *(Disneyland Operations Division in Fantasyland). The three finalists spent a week here. Disneyland's 1977 Ambassador,* **Sue Donald,** *spent much of her training period in Florida earlier this year.*

**Professor Owl Says:**

**Accidents happen when least expected . . . Stay alert**

**Call The Safety Hotline, Ext. 5800**

# CAST ACTIVITIES

*Lake Buena Vista's Cast Activities Representative* **Patty Richardson** *has recently set up shop in the Village's new employee cafeteria, the* **Crew's Galley.** *Patty tells us that included in the cast services, recreation and general information being offered, you may obtain notary services, voter registration, carpooling information and sign-up, housing information, Family Film Festival tickets, discount membership cards, and the Cast Activities Discount Listings. Her hours in the cafeteria will be* **Monday, Wednesday** *and* **Friday,** *12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, and* **Tuesday** *and* **Thursday** *2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Be sure to drop by and take advantage of these many employee services being offered!*

## CAST ACTIVITIES TICKET CENTER

Cast Activities currently has tickets available to the following Central Florida events:

- **Ringling Bros. Circus -** February 4, 5, 6 - All seats reserved, $4.50, $5.50, $6.50, children under 12 $1 off for 11:30 performance only, show times . . . **Feb. 4 -** 7:30 pm; **Feb. 5 -** 11:30 am, 3 pm, 7:30 pm; **Feb. 6 -** 1 pm, 5:30 pm, Lakeland Arena.
- **Fred Waring & The Young Pennsylvanians -** February 5 - Lakeland Civic Center Theater, 8 pm, $4, $5.50, $6.50.
- **Larry Norman & Randy Stonehill -** February 12 - Lakeland Theater, 7 pm, general admission $5.50.

## AUDUBON MOVIE

The second in a series of movies being presented by the **Orange Audubon Society,** a Chapter of the Florida Audubon Society, will be "The Vanishing Eden," narrated by **Stefan Kling.**

The film will be shown at **Bush Auditorium,** Rollins College, Winter Park, on Saturday, January 29, at 2 pm and 8 pm. Tickets are available at the door for $2.50 and a student price of $1 will be offered.

## SECRETARIES RECEIVE DIET TIPS

According to recent figures from the Department of Labor, more and more wives and mothers are returning to the work force, and that means that they are now in the public eye. So, they must look attractive . . . they must pay attention to themselves.

At the same time, many of these women end up in more sedentary occupations. Where they were once racing after children, zipping through housework and using up energy by the calorie, they are now "sitting down" to work. The energy they do use is cerebral, not physical! The result is that many of them find that they are gaining weight.

In addition to **lowering** energy **output,** there's an increasing **input** at **lunchtime** when they succumb to the temptations of the cafeteria, the nearby short-order high-calorie eatery, or the simplicity of the mayonnaise-laden sandwich from home.

Once the day is over, working wives usually return home where the easiest meals to prepare are often the most fat-producing. Add it all up, and you have **weight gain.**

Find out more about the Secretary & Office Worker's Diet with the **Diet Workshop.** They meet every Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Cast Activities Lounge. New members are welcomed every week . . . it's only $6 to join and $2.50 per week thereafter. "It's In To Be Thin" is their byword, and you can find out how to be thinner by calling **Pat** at extension 4254.

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The next meeting of the **Photography Club** is set for Tuesday, January 25, from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at Little Lake Bryan. Plans for the **1977 Walt Disney World Employee Photography Contest** will be finalized and a surprise speaker will headline the evening.

If you are interested in learning about photography, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! The Club's darkroom is available to members at their convenience and speakers in the field are frequently invited to the weekly meetings to share ideas with the membership. All Disney cast members and their families are invited to participate.

## FLYING CLUB NEWS

The **"Flying Grasshoppers"** will be meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 27, in Cast Activities. Aviation films will be shown and all members are urged to attend.

Anyone interested in learning how to fly should attend the meeting or contact **Bob Bowman** at 422-0805.

## DRAMA ORGANIZATION MEETING SET

The next meeting of the **Drama Organization** will be Thursday, January 27, at 7 pm in the Stage Door Cafe, 1st floor of The Center. The group will be discussing plans for an actor's workshop in February and will "christen" the organization with its new name . . . which will be announced in **EYES & EARS** soon.

Those cast members interested in **directing** a production for the new season are asked to bring resumes. The drama group welcomes all employees and their families to participate.

## NEW WEDNESDAY ART CLASSES ANNOUNCED

Portrait, landscape and cartooning will be the subject matter for the new **art class** set to begin Wednesday, January 26. The class will last eight weeks, meeting from 4 pm to 7 pm in the Stage Door Cafe, 1st floor of The Center. The course fee is $15 which does not include your art materials. Needed for the first class are a pad of newsprint, charcoal, and a picture of a subject which you wish to work on. Call Cast Activities at extension 4254 for further information.

## NEW WOMAN'S ORGANIZATION

The **New Woman's Organization** will have a "Rehab Meeting" on Thursday, January 27, at 6 pm in the Cast Activities Lounge. The agenda is to plan out the upcoming year. If you would like your thoughts and ideas to be part of 1977's programs, please plan on attending.

## SPORTS

## MURPH'S SPORTS LINE

By: Thom Murphy, EYES & EARS Area Reporter

Here is the way **basketball** scores shaped up last week:

In **Monday League** play, The Center ran down Transportation 71-56, Golf Operations drove past Finance 54-48, Contemporary Lodging bagged Town Square 43-23, and LBV Landscaping planted Town Square 51-28.

**Tuesday League** scores reflected Resorts winning over Frontierland Foods 52-34, Employee Relations managed Reedy Creek Utilities 52-34, Employee Relations managed Reedy Creek Utilities 53-34, LBV Communities booked Crystal Palace 44-33, and the Soulsters out-souled the Fubars 81-56.

In **Wednesday League** action, the Polynesian Stars shined over Fantasyland Ops 60-50, the Ringers rang Frontierland 68-48, Contemporary Housekeeping cleaned-up on the Polynesian Bucks 62-45, and Custodial cleaned the Zoo Crew 71-62.

**Thursday League** play is women's night, and Theme Park I beat LBV Village 52-22, while Golf Resort made a clean sweep over Fantasyland Ops 52-25.

## SOFTBALL APPROACHING

Organizational meetings for our softball leagues are set for Tuesdays, February 1 & 15, at 7 pm in the Traditions Room at the Disney University. All interested players are reminded to think ahead on getting your team together and appointing a representative to attend the meetings. **EYES & EARS** will carry reminders as the dates approach.

## MARATHON MEETING SET

The first organizational meeting for our proposed marathon run against Sea World is set for **Saturday, January 22,** at 12 noon at Little Lake Bryan. At that meeting, a Marathon Committee will be formed and plans will be formulated for practices, locker room facilities, and a firm date for the meet.

All previous signees will be contacted by Cast Activities prior to the meeting, but in case they miss you, plan on attending and don't forget to bring your track gear and a lock. You will be able to change in Little Lake Bryan's newly refurbished locker rooms if you wish to practice after the meeting.

Plans currently call for men's and women's divisions, under 35 years old, and a master's division for those over 35 with flatter feet! And if demand is evident, other divisions could be formed.

As we said, there is nothing permanent at this time, but then that's the purpose of the meeting. Sea World's employees are getting set, now let's us get set! Hope to see all runners there!

## SOCCER BEING LOOKED AT

Soccer, the sport that is played all over the world like football is played here, may become a part of "our World" soon. A core group of interested employees have been trying to start a "soccer moverment" here for quite some time. Plans from Cast Activities now call for the possible installation of Walt Disney World's first Soccer Field at Little Lake Bryan.

Anyone interested in seeing this sport get off the ground here are invited to attend an important organizational meeting at Little Lake Bryan on Tuesday, February 22, at 5:30 pm. The date is a while off, but that's to let you make plans to be there! It will be an important meeting, so don't forget!

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Honda-1971 Coupe,** excellent mechanical condition, 35 mpg, $650. Phone 422-4033 or 894-6169.

**1974 Super Beetle.** AM-FM Stereo, 4-speed, A/C, under coating, 4 new tires. $2800. (904) 394-2240.

**1969 Olds Vista Crusa.** AT, PS, AC, this is a Credit Union repo. Call Roy or Paul at 5140.

**1973 Chevy Vega.** $700. Good tires, new clutch, new brakes, runs great, looks great. 295-6187.

**1974 Yamaha Endura 250 motorcycle.** Excellent condition. $475. Call after 4 pm 876-3037.

**1975 Dodge Van.** A/C, AM/FM radio, radial tires, 318 V-8, heavy duty suspension, 12,000 miles. Excellent condition. Call after 6 pm 876-3102.

**Boat-16' Sea Trek.** 85 horsepower Mercury, 1975 w/trailer and all accessories. Please call after 5 pm 234-2784.

**1975 Yamaha RD 350 motorcycle.** 12,000 miles, excellent condition. Includes roll bar, sissy bar, 2 helmets. Excellent commuter bike, 50 miles per gallon. $650 or will trade for a pick-up truck or van of equal value. Call Oviedo 365-6326.

**1975 Pontiac Astre Wagon.** Low mileage, very clean, AM/FM radio. Call 846-3771.

**1974 White Opal station wagon.** AM/FM 8-track stereo, A/C. $1500, call Tom 299-3786 between 10 am and 4 pm.

**1969 VW Beetle.** Factory air. New tires. Like new. $950. 422-6562.

**1973 MG Midget,** 35,000 miles, new brakes, tires, and fuel pump. Mechanically sound. Excellent condition. $800 down and take over balance or $1,900 cash. 855-7918.

**1968 Dodge Polara.** 4-door, A/C, P/S, all new tires. Good clean condition. Call Herman 293-2568 after 6 pm.

**1973 Dodge Dart.** Beige, vinyl top, A/C. $250 down take over payments. Call 656-9265 anytime.

**1970 Chevy Impala.** 4-door, 65,000 miles, power steering, power brakes. Runs good, body poor and needs seat covers. Excellent work car. $400. Call 896-6640 after 6 pm.

**1973 VW Fastback,** in good condition. Call 855-4249 after 4 pm for information.

**1974 Honda CL200.** In good condition. Includes windshield on bike, and two helmets. $450. (Used only to and from work.) Call (813) 967-1853.

**2 horses for sale.** ½ quarter and ¼ appaloosa. Call 855-4592 for more information after 3 pm.

**For sale - Mechanic's Tool Box -** Craftsman - 10 drawer tool box, impact wrench & hardened sockets, black & decker ¼" drill, ⅜" socket set, ¼" socket set, brake tools, and miscellaneous wrenches & other tools. Valued at over $600 - will sell for $250. Call Pat at 855-7844.

**Living room set:** black vinyl Spanish style: sofa, chair & coffee table. $90. Call Walt 828-7359 after 5:30 pm.

**Bumper Pool Table.** Slate top with all accessories $200. 892-5940.

**Car Sets (2)** Ford Tot-Guards. New $26. $10 each. Call 678-4326.

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